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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 1, 2003

To recognize Mr. Bennie F. Adams, for his 36 years of service to the District of Columbia Public Schools upon the occasion of his retirement from the District of Columbia Public Schools.

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams began his career in the District of Columbia Public Schools in 1966 at Eliot Junior High School as a teacher of Health, Physical Education and Science;

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams became an Acting Counselor at Eliot Junior High School in 1985;

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams became Assistant Principal at Hine Junior High School in 1986;

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams served as the Assistant to Dr. Mildred Musgrove, Lead Principal of the District of Columbia Public Schools in 1994;

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams was the Acting Principal at Roosevelt High School in 1995;

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams was the Principal at Hine Junior High School from 1995 until his retirement from service to the District of Columbia Public Schools and to the citizens of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams' accomplishments during his career with the District of Columbia Public Schools have included coaching volleyball, boys' and girls' varsity basketball, cross-country, track and boys' softball at Eliot Junior High School; coaching girls' varsity basketball at Hine Junior High School; coaching baseball at Eastern High School and coaching baseball and football at the District of Columbia Teachers' College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams has dedicated his career in service to the children of the District of Columbia.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may cited as the "Bennie F. Adams Service to and Retirement from the District of Columbia Public Schools Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Mr. Bennie F. Adams upon his retirement.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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To congratulate the African American Music Association on the occasion of its Eighteenth Annual Marvin Gaye Day.

WHEREAS, the African American Music Association, Inc., hosts an annual event to focus attention on the needs of the youth of our city and to celebrate the birthday of the late musical genius, Marvin Gaye Junior;

WHEREAS, Marvin Gaye Junior was a native Washingtonian born on April 2, 1939 and attended Cardozo Senior High School;

WHEREAS, Marvin Gaye Junior is honored as an outstanding professional of the music and entertainment industry with 52 hit record releases between 1962 and 1978;

WHEREAS, it is from the lyrics of Marvin Gaye Junior's song "What's Going On" that the phrase "save the children" was popularized and his concern for the welfare of children began;

WHEREAS, the accolades of Marvin Gaye Junior include an American Music Award, A National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Image Award, and a Grammy Award;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 1984 Marvin Gaye Junior died and his legacy to save the children has been carried on by the concerted efforts of the African American Music Association, Inc.,

WHEREAS, Marvin Gaye Day is an event that includes performances by local entertainers, speeches by community leaders and the participation of youth organizations and church youth auxiliaries from across our city; and

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WHEREAS, The Marvin Gaye Junior Memorial Scholarship Fund will use the proceeds from the Marvin Gaye Day Memorial Scholarship and Awards Celebration to assist students with musical talent from Cardozo Senior High School as they pursue postsecondary studies.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Eighteenth Annual Marvin Gaye Day Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the African American Music Association, Inc., on its 18th Annual Marvin Gaye Day and encourages all residents of the District of Columbia to join its efforts to "Save Our Children."

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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To honor the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance on the occasion of its 32nd Anniversary and to recognize the distinguished citizens the organization will pay tribute to at its anniversary reception.

WHEREAS, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, D.C., ("GLAA") was founded in April 1971 to advance the cause of equal rights and social equality for lesbians and gay men living in the District of Columbia through peaceful participation in the political process;

WHEREAS, GLAA now ranks as the oldest continuously active gay and lesbian rights organization in the country;

WHEREAS, GLAA has long fought to improve relations between the District's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities and the District's public safety agencies, as evidenced by its ongoing leadership in the effort to create better training for all police, fire, and EMS employees;

WHEREAS, GLAA has long struggled for effective public health strategies in the fight against AIDS, as evidenced by its effective leadership in the drive to commit the District government to implementing a unique identifier system that will be sensitive to the privacy concerns of people testing positive for HIV, and insuring that treatments and medicine are available to those in need and GLAA's instance of an open and transparent accounting of the District's spending on HIV/AIDS services;

WHEREAS, GLAA has long been at the forefront of the efforts for better enforcement of the landmark D.C. Human Rights Law of 1977, perhaps the strongest and most comprehensive civil rights law in the nation, as evidenced by GLAA's unrelenting watchdog role in assuring that all anti-discrimination policy statements in the D.C. government reflect the full range of classes protected under the D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977;

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WHEREAS, GLAA has kept the gay and lesbian community of Washington informed about the position of candidates for public office by rating all candidates for Mayor and Council in every election since the establishment of home rule, through a system noted for its fairness and nonpartisanship;

WHEREAS, GLAA has been an outspoken advocate for gay and lesbian youth, including persuading D.C. Public Schools to implement an effective, enforced anti-harassment policy established to protect all students;

WHEREAS, GLAA has participated in the lobbying efforts against arbitrary federal restrictions on the District's budget aimed at lesbians and gay men, including the Healthcare Expansion Act of 1992, allowing us to finally implement the domestic partnership program; and

WHEREAS, GLAA at its 32nd Anniversary Reception on April 15, 2003, will present its Distinguished Service Awards to several individuals and organizations who have helped advance the causes and concerns of lesbians and gay men in the District of Columbia, specifically: Councilmember Kathy Patterson for her leadership in fighting for an effective, independent Office of Human Rights, strengthening diversity training at the police and fire departments and establishing an effective Office of Citizen Complaint Review; the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit of the Metropolitan Police Department for improving community-police relations and bringing its specialized focus to investigations of homicides, hate crimes, and police misconduct; Karen Armagost for her career as an activist, including working for an inclusive Democratic party and for an end to discrimination against gay men and lesbians in the military; the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C., for more than two decades of service as cultural ambassadors for the District's gay community here at home, across the nation, and around the world; and Bob Summersgill for superb efforts as immediate past President of GLAA to prohibit harassment in District schools and workplaces, open the DC HIV/AIDS Administration to public accountability, and ensure the full rights of transgender and intersex people under the Human Rights Act, and for his comprehensive website (www.sodomylaws.org) documenting historic and ongoing efforts to repeal sodomy laws.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance 32nd Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes GLAA on the occasion of its 32nd Anniversary Reception on April 15, 2003 and thanks its members for their long record of dedicated service that has advanced the welfare not only of the gay and lesbian community but of the entire population of the District of Columbia.

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April 1, 2003

To recognize, honor and observe the 23rd anniversary of the death, and the importance and contributions of Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero to the people of El Salvador and humanity, and to declare March 24, 2003, as "Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes and commends Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero for dedicating his life to justice and fair treatment of the poor and working class people of El Salvador, many of whom now live in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Monseñor Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador was an advocate of peace and propagated the dialogue between people to resolve differences. We call for these teachings to continue among the Salvadoran communities now living in the District of Columbia and the Metro area;

WHEREAS, the life and work of Monseñor Romero is the cultural and religious patrimony, not only of the Salvadoran people, but of all humanity;

WHEREAS, Monseñor Romero dedicated his life and work to God as a great evangelist and martyr of the 20th century;

WHEREAS, Monseñor Romero gave his life for his people and has now risen again in them, and continues to show people of all walks the Lord's path to true liberation;

WHEREAS, Monseñor Romero represents a historical memory who defended the dignity of human beings by demanding truth, justice, redress for victims of human rights violations and reconciliation; and

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WHEREAS, one of our members, Councilmember Jim Graham in August 2001 visited the site of Monseñor Romero's murder and his humble home at the time of his death, and reported to us how impacted he was by that visit.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the importance and contributions of Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero, and declares March 24, 2003 as "Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero Day."

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors and observes the 23rd anniversary of the death of Monseñor Romero in his quest for justice and social services for the Salvadoran people, many of whom are now residents of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 1, 2003

To honor Roderic L. Woodson for his tireless service to the District of Columbia on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

WHEREAS, Mr. Roderic L. Woodson received his B.A. from Pennsylvania State University, his J.D. from Howard University School of Law, and is a partner in the law firm of Holland & Knight, LLP in Washington D.C.;

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodson engages in the practice of administrative, legislative, and regulatory law, with a focus upon District of Columbia municipal law issues;

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodson has a distinguished background, which has led him to be appointed by Mayor Anthony Williams to the Chairmanship of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and served as its Chairman from July 1999 through June 2003;

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodson presided over weekly hearings before the ABC Board regarding the adjudication process for licensees in the District of Columbia; was instrumental in the complete overhaul of the District's ABC laws; and spearheaded the creation of the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration;

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodson is a member of the D.C. Corporation Counsel Advisory Committee and the D.C. Insurance Advisory Council;

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodson serves on the Board of Directors of the D.C. Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, the Robert A Shuker Memorial Foundation, and the Progressive Life Center;

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WHEREAS, Mr. Woodson is a former member of the D.C. Housing Finance Agency; former Chairman of the District's Judicial Evaluation Committee; former Co-Chair of the D.C. Bar's D.C. Affairs Section; and former member of the Continuing Legal Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodson is a long-time resident of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Roderic L. Woodson Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Roderic L. Woodson for his work in the community.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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April 1, 2003

To recognize the work of Percy M. Battle in developing the new Convention Center, and to declare April 2, 2003 as "Percy M. Battle Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Percy M. "Butch" Battle has been a long-time resident of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Percy was educated by the District of Columbia Public School System and attended Cardozo High School;

WHEREAS, Percy is the loving husband of Frances E. Battle;

WHEREAS, Percy is the proud father of seven children, Arthur, Clifton, Gary (deceased), Cynthia, Michael, Cheryl, and Brian (deceased);

WHEREAS, Percy is a member of the Washington Convention Authority Advisory Board;

WHEREAS, Percy has been Chair of the Washington Convention Authority Advisory Board Community Relations Subcommittee since the inception of the Advisory Board;

WHEREAS, the Community Relations Subcommittee's work has made numerous recommendations that have helped in producing the world's finest convention center;

WHEREAS, Percy's leadership was key to these recommendations and the success of the Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the new Convention Center will be opening to its first clients on April 7, 2003.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Percy M. Battle Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds the efforts of Percy M. Battle as a member of the Washington Convention Center Authority Advisory Committee, and declares April 2, 2003, as "Percy M. Battle Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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April 1, 2003

To recognize the importance of affordable housing and to declare the month of April 2003 as
"Fair and Affordable Housing Month" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, April 2003 marks the 35th anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which provides for equal opportunity for all Americans in the sale, rental, financing, and insuring of housing and prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin;

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1998 added familial status and disability to those groups protected by Title VIII and added new rights, remedies, monetary penalties, and judicial and administrative enforcement procedures;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of government at all levels to protect and defend the rights of all its citizens and oppose housing discrimination wherever it occurs;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia fully supports the intent and purposes of the federal Fair Housing Act and local fair housing laws and pursues policies and practices to achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, the availability of affordable housing in the District of Columbia is of great importance.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Fair and Affordable Housing Month Declaration Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds the efforts of organization such as Alternative Housing Solutions, LLC, the National Fair Housing Alliance, MANNA, Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development, Jubilee Enterprise of Greater Washington, and the Equal Rights Center for their tireless efforts in supporting fair and affordable housing in

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the District and throughout the country, and declares the month of April 2003, as "Fair and Affordable Housing Month" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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April 1, 2003

To honor the 50th Anniversary of Master Aikido Instructor Mitsugi Saotome devoting his life to spreading the message of Aikido.

WHEREAS, Mitsugi Saotome has devoted his entire adult life to the study and teaching of Aikido and is the chief instructor of the Aikido Shobukan in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Mitsugi Saotome serves as the supervisory instructor for over 100 affiliated dojo of the international association, Aikido Schools of Ueshiba;

WHEREAS, Mitsugi Saotome taught from 1960 to 1975 at the World Aikido Headquarters in Tokyo, Japan. During this period he was accorded many positions, honors and achievements; and

WHEREAS, Mitsugi Saotome came to the United States in 1975 to teach the goals of Aikido that all people of the world live together as one family, in harmony with each other and their environment.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Master Aikido Instructor Mitsugi Saotome Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds and extends its gratitude to Mitsugi Saotome for enriching the lives of the citizens of the District of Columbia through his tireless work and profound artistry.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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April 1, 2003

To recognize the career, outstanding service and trailblazing accomplishments of Attorney Calvin Brooks, Past Chief Justice of the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Alpha Chapter, and to declare April 19, 2003 as " Calvin Brooks Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc., is the oldest continuously existing African American legal fraternity in the United States, founded in 1935 in the District of Columbia by Nathaniel A. Dobbins, J.H. Kirkland Renfo, W. Harold Flowers, Leon A. Jones and Benjamin Hailstork, Jr.;

WHEREAS, the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc., is comprised of lawyers, judges, law professors, law students and other legal professionals dedicated to the education of its members and service to the community;

WHEREAS, Calvin Brooks is a native of Washington, D.C., and graduate of the law school attended by the founding members of the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc., to wit: the Robert H. Terrell School of Law in Washington, D.C., named after the first African American Municipal Judge of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, during a career of trailblazing accomplishments in facilitating equal employment opportunities within the United States government, responsive conservatorships in the District of Columbia, and outstanding service in support of community empowerment, Attorney Calvin Brooks is a representative embodiment of the mission and purpose of the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Alpha Chapter of the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc., bestowed its *Outstanding Service Award* to Calvin Brooks on April 19, 2003, in recognition and appreciation of Brother Calvin Brooks' service to those seeking sound legal advice and fair treatment under the law.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Calvin Brooks Day and Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the career, outstanding service and accomplishments of Calvin Brooks and declares April 19, 2003, as "Calvin Brooks Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 1, 2003

To recognize the career, outstanding service and trailblazing accomplishments of Attorney James Sexton, Jr., current and past officer and longstanding member of the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc., and to declare April 19, 2003 as "James Sexton, Jr. Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc., is the oldest continuously existing African American legal fraternity in the United States, founded in 1935 in the District of Columbia by Nathaniel A. Dobbins, J.H. Kirkland Renfo, W. Harold Flowers, Leon A. Jones and Benjamin Hailstork, Jr.;

WHEREAS, the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc., is comprised of lawyers, judges, law professors, law students and other legal professionals dedicated to the education of its members and service to the community;

WHEREAS, James Sexton, Jr., after graduating from Georgetown University School of Law, founded a law firm with classmates Chester D. Roberts and H. Carl Moultrie, I (who subsequently became the first African American Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District);

WHEREAS, during a career of trailblazing accomplishments in the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare facilitating nationwide school desegregation, business creation under the auspices of the United States Department of Defense as well as in private practice, and outstanding service in support of community empowerment, Attorney James Sexton, Jr., is a representative embodiment of the mission and purpose of the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Alpha Chapter of the Sigma Delta Tau Legal Fraternity, Inc., bestowed its *Outstanding Service Award* to James Sexton, Jr., on April 19, 2003, in recognition and appreciation of Brother James Sexton, Jr.'s service to those seeking sound legal advice and fair treatment under the law.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "James Sexton, Jr., Day and Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the career, outstanding service and accomplishments of James Sexton, Jr., and declares April 19, 2003 as "Calvin Brooks Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize Alice P. Miller, Executive Director of the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, who has been elected as the 14th President of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED).

WHEREAS, Mrs. Miller has served on the Association's Executive Committee for four years;

WHEREAS, she has represented NASED at Congressional hearings, including the 2001 Congressional Black Caucus hearing on election reform;

WHEREAS, her involvement in those hearings led to the recent passage of the Help America Vote Act of 2002;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Miller has recently been named to serve on the board of directors of the Elections Center;

WHEREAS, last year Mrs. Miller was appointed to serve as a member of the Federal Election Commission Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, prior to being appointed Executive Director of the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, Mrs. Miller served as the Board's General Counsel.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Alice P. Miller Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and congratulates Mrs. Alice P. Miller on her election as the 14th President of the National Association of State Election Directors.

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April 1, 2003

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Francis L. Cardozo Senior High School of Washington, D.C., Sunday, April 27, 2003, and to declare April 27, 2003 as "Cardozo High School Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Francis L. Cardozo High School was first the Department of Business Practice of the high school of the Miner building. Business men and women set up a conference in 1927 to address the idea of organizing a separate commercial high school that would offer various courses for students in the community with business interest;

WHEREAS, as a result of the conference, the Department of Business Practice was made into a separate school named for Professor Francis L. Cardozo in the spring of 1928;

WHEREAS, Cardozo is the first commercial high school for Blacks in the United States;

WHEREAS, during the first year of establishment, the staff consisted of a principal, a clerk and fourteen teachers with a student population of 248;

WHEREAS, when the community realized the value of business education, the enrollment increased tremendously over the next five years and as a result of the increase, Cardozo had to be relocated;

WHEREAS, in February, 1933, Cardozo Business High School relocated to 9th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., with the addition of an assistant principal, guidance counselor, and librarian;

WHEREAS, in Cardozo's third decade in existence the school moved to where it finally stands, at the corner of 13th and Clifton Streets, N.W., where it became a comprehensive high school with a faculty of 79 teachers and an enrollment of 2,118 students. The curriculum

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included commercial, college preparatory, art and drawing, music, home economics and industrial arts courses; and

WHEREAS, today, Francis L. Cardozo Senior High School is known for its educational excellence and is a multicultural, multiethnic institution in the heart of an integrated and flourishing community with a student body of approximately 780 Blacks, Hispanics, and Asians with approximately 150 faculty and staff personnel.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "75th Anniversary of the Francis L. Cardozo Senior High School Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the 75th Anniversary of Francis L. Cardozo Senior High School and the services it has provided to address the education needs of the community, and declares April 27, 2003 as "Cardozo High School Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication of the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 1, 2003

To honor the groups and organizations that address the issue of child abuse and neglect, and to declare April 2003 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect affects significant numbers of defenseless children in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States of America each year;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect very often results in children experiencing poor school performance, a negative outlook on life, disciplinary problems, poor self esteem, and other emotional problems and scars that can last a lifetime;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia government is committed to fostering the development of a responsive community that supports families and nurtures children, protecting children from abuse, violence, exploitation, and ensuring that children and youth are given the opportunity to mature and develop within a family that is free of maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia recognizes that one of the most effective ways of protecting children is to prevent child abuse and neglect.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Child Abuse Prevention Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends the D.C. Children's Trust Fund for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Prevent Child Abuse of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Action for Children, Child and Family Services Agency, Children's National Medical Center, Healthy Families DC, and Healthy Families/Thriving Communities Collaborative's for their devotion to our most precious resource, our children.

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Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares April 2003 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the District of Columbia and encourages our residents to support the activities and events these organizations have scheduled to commemorate this month.

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